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The expedition has been carrying out a series of experiments since early February and is continuing them at present.

TO CONTINUE CASPIAN AREA STUDY -- Stalinabad, Kommunist Tadzhikistana, 28 Mar 52

With the advent of spring, the detachments of the Caspian Joint Expedition of the Academy of Sciences USSR will return to the Caspian area to continue investigations being made in connection with construction of the Stalingrad hydro-electric installation.

S. V. Zonn, head of the expedition, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences, and Stalin Prize Winner, says that the expedition will this summer be composed of 25 field and three stationary detachments. About 200 scientists will take part in the investigations.

LEAVE FOR STALINGRAD CANAL ZONE -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 28 Mar 52

The detachments of the Caspian Joint Expedition of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR are preparing to leave for the Stalingrad Canal zone.

N. F. Kolotilin, head of the expedition, reports that the expedition will be composed of about 300 persons representing 8 scientific research institutes of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR.

Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 2 Apr 52

The institutes of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR have completed preparations for departure to the Stalingrad Canal zone of the detachments which will represent them in the Caspian Joint Expedition.

N. F. Kolotilin, head of the expedition, made the following statement:

"The scientists of Kazakhstan will expand their investigations of the northern Caspian area considerably. The first hydrogeological detachments are already there; all other detachments are ready for departure. These include detachments of soil scientists, geobotanists, zoologists, geographers, and other specialists."

TO STUDY POTENTIAL DISEASE CARRIERS -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 1 Apr 52

The detachment of the Caspian Joint Expedition, representing the Zoological Institute of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR, has left Alma-Ata for the Stalingrad Canal zone.

I. G. Galuzo, active member of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR and scientific supervisor of the expedition, stated that the zoologico-parasitological detachment will continue the studies begun in 1951 in the area between the Volga and Ural rivers. It will make early spring observations of the life and development of wild animals which might be carriers of diseases to which domestic livestock would be susceptible. On the basis of these observations, the institute will develop measures for preventing and treating these diseases. These measures will have great practical importance in connection with the planned development of collectivized animal husbandry in the area north of the Caspian Sea.

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WILL STUDY ANIMALS ALONG AMU-DAR'YA -- Ashkhabad, Turkmenkaya Iskra, 12 Apr 52

An expedition of the Biological Institute, Academy of Sciences Turkmen SSR, has left Ashkhabad for the northern sector of the Main Turkmen Canal area, traveling the route from Repetek to the Amu-Dar'ya River to Tashauz. Included as members of the expedition are A. O. Tashliyev, Candidate of Biological Sciences and senior scientific associate of the institute, and the following group from Moscow State University: Professor G. P. Dement'yev; N. N. Kartashev, Candidate of Biological Sciences; and A. Kaleynikov. The expedition will make a study of the vertebrate land animals along the Amu-Dar'ya and in the northern sector of the canal zone.

Another expedition of the institute, headed by B. B. Kerabayev, Candidate of Biological Sciences, has departed for the area of the Amu-Dar'ya's middle course. It will attempt to determine what effective measures can be undertaken to improve the hay harvest in the river valley. For this purpose, various fodder crops will be planted experimentally.

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